

## Matthew 21:1-11

### Jesus' Triumphant Entry



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 21:1	Jesus approaches Jerusalem near Bethphage and the Mount of Olives.	<i>Mount of Olives</i> – prophetic location.	Jesus enters Jerusalem deliberately, fully aware of what lies ahead.	Follow Jesus even when obedience leads toward sacrifice.
Matthew 21:2-3	Jesus instructs the disciples to retrieve a donkey and colt.	<i>Lord needs them</i> – authority and purpose.	Jesus claims kingship with humility, not force.	Follow Jesus even when obedience leads toward sacrifice.
Matthew 21:4-5	Matthew connects this moment to Zechariah's prophecy.	<i>Fulfilled</i> (plēroō); <i>Gentle</i> (praus).	Jesus fulfills Messianic prophecy as a humble King.	Receive Jesus as He truly is, not as culture imagines Him.
Matthew 21:6-7	The disciples obey and place cloaks on the animals.	<i>Cloaks</i> – honor and submission.	Worship begins with obedience.	Lay what you have at Jesus' feet.
Matthew 21:8	Crowds spread cloaks and branches on the road.	<i>Branches</i> – victory and celebration.	The people honor Jesus publicly.	Worship Jesus boldly and without shame.
Matthew 21:9	The crowd shouts “Hosanna” and calls Jesus the Son of David.	<i>Hosanna</i> – “save now”; <i>Son of David</i> – Messiah.	The crowd expects deliverance, though many misunderstand the kind.	Praise Jesus for who He is, not just what you want Him to do.

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Matthew 21:10	Jerusalem is stirred by Jesus' arrival.	<i>Stirred</i> (eseisthē) – shaken.	Jesus' presence disrupts the status quo.	Let Jesus challenge what's comfortable.
Matthew 21:11	The crowd identifies Jesus as a prophet from Nazareth.	<i>Prophet</i> – partial understanding.	Many recognize Jesus but underestimate His authority.	Ask yourself: Who do you truly believe Jesus is?

## Summary Revelation

Jesus enters Jerusalem as **King**, but not the kind the people expected.

- He fulfills prophecy
- He comes in humility
- He receives praise from crowds
- Yet many misunderstand His mission

**The King arrives gently—but His presence shakes everything.**

**True worship recognizes Jesus for who He is, not who we want Him to be.**

## Matthew 21:12-17

### Jesus Clears the Temple

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Matthew 21:12	Jesus enters the temple courts and drives out those buying and selling.	<i>Drove out</i> (ekballō) – cast out forcefully; <i>Temple</i>	Jesus has authority over worship and confronts corruption.	Invite Jesus to cleanse anything in your life that corrupts worship.
Matthew 21:13	Jesus enters the temple courts and drives out those buying and selling.	<i>House of prayer</i> ; <i>Robbers</i> (lēstēs) – exploiters.	God's intent for worship is prayerful communion, not exploitation.	Examine whether your worship centers on God or personal gain.
Matthew 21:14	The blind and the lame come to Jesus in the temple, and He heals them.	<i>Healed</i> (etherapeusen) – restored completely.	True worship welcomes the broken and brings healing.	Bring your need to Jesus without fear or pretense.
Matthew 21:15	Children praise Jesus; religious leaders become indignant.	<i>Indignant</i> – deeply displeased.	Pride resists praise that comes from unexpected places.	Never dismiss sincere worship, regardless of who offers it.
Matthew 21:16	Jesus defends the children's praise by quoting Scripture.	<i>Perfected praise</i> – ordained by God.	God delights in humble, childlike worship.	Praise God freely and wholeheartedly.
Matthew 21:17	Jesus leaves Jerusalem and stays in Bethany.	<i>Left</i> – intentional withdrawal.	Jesus balances bold ministry with intentional rest.	Learn when to withdraw and be refreshed in God's presence.

## Summary Revelation

This passage reveals that:

- Jesus is **zealous for pure worship**
- He confronts religious corruption directly
- He welcomes and heals the broken
- He receives praise from humble hearts
- He is unmoved by religious outrage
- True worship flows from sincerity, not status

**Jesus does not tolerate corrupted worship, but He welcomes desperate faith.**

**Praise that comes from humility pleases heaven.**

## Cross References

### Matthew 21:1-17

#### Matthew 21:1–11 — The Triumphal Entry (The Humble King)

##### Zechariah 9:9

*“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

**Theme:** The Messiah comes humbly, not militarily.

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##### Psalm 118:25–26

*“LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.”*

**Theme:** Messianic praise fulfilled in Jesus.

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##### Isaiah 62:11

*“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your Savior comes!’”*

**Theme:** God announces the arrival of His King.

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**Luke 19:41–42**

*“As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it...”*

**Theme:** Jesus enters Jerusalem with compassion, not conquest.

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**Matthew 21:12–13 — Cleansing the Temple (Pure Worship)****Isaiah 56:7**

*“For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”*

**Theme:** God’s intention for worship is prayer and inclusion.

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**Jeremiah 7:11**

*“Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you?”*

**Theme:** God condemns corrupted worship.

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**Malachi 3:1–3**

*“The Lord you are seeking will come to his temple... He will purify the Levites...”*

**Theme:** The Messiah comes to cleanse worship.

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## Matthew 21:14 — Healing in the Temple

### Isaiah 35:5–6

*“Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.”*

**Theme:** Messianic healing as a sign of God’s Kingdom.

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### Psalm 103:2–3

*“Praise the LORD... who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”*

**Theme:** God’s compassion brings healing.

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## Matthew 21:15–16 — Praise from Children

### Psalm 8:2

*“Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold...”*

**Theme:** God perfects praise through humility.

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### Matthew 18:3

*“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Theme:** Childlike faith is central to the Kingdom.

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**Luke 19:39–40**

*“If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”*

**Theme:** Praise to Jesus cannot be silenced.

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**Matthew 21:17 — Withdrawal to Bethany****Mark 11:11**

*“Jesus entered Jerusalem... and since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.”*

**Theme:** Jesus balances ministry with withdrawal.

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**Luke 5:16**

*“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”*

**Theme:** Renewal comes through time with the Father.